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G'day Council

I understand changes to the Code of Meeting Practice are on exhibition until 17 May 2018. Council's website does not make it clear that they are and it doesn't invite submissions. I think this is a defect. Please pass on these my concerns to senior management, about this inadequacy in performance of the new website?

On the Code, I submit the following (listed against Clause number):

22.1 - this is not English. It should read "speak in favour of or against the recommendation for any matter on the Agenda for that meeting".

22.2 - please remove the word "all" from line 1. It lends nothing but a spank to the point being made. We are ALL adults here - no spanking.

22.2 - the Chairperson should not be able to truncate Public Access, if there are speakers and time remains in the first hour. This clause could read "If, after registered Public Access is complete, time remains within the first hour of the meeting, the Chairperson may open Public Access to those present at the meeting". Or it could be removed.

22.3 - rather than "12.00pm midday one day prior to the Meeting" the wording here should be "12.00 midday on the day before the Meeting".

22.4 - ditto.

22.5 - repetition! Please replace "in favour of or against" with "on".

22.6 - ditto.

22.7 - ditto, plus replace "in favour of or against the recommendation of" with "on".

22.8 - please replace "in favour of or against" with "on". This needs a second sentence limiting Councillors to one minute, for their question or questions. This will prevent Councillors wasting the public's limited time.

22.10 - "Councils" should read "Council" singular.

22.13 - the response to questions not answered at the time of asking should appear in the Agenda of the next Ordinary meeting. Most people asking a question are doing so in public because they want an answer in public. If a complete answer is not possible before the Agenda is printed, say so in that Agenda and print in the one after.

22.15 - let's drop the spank language and say what we mean, namely "If the Chairperson determines that there is insufficient time on the day of the meeting to accommodate all requests for Public Access, registered questions will be taken on notice and responded to as per 22.13".

22.16 - please change "speak in favour of or against items" to "speak on items".

22.17 - I hate to add words but this should commence with "Once all registered Public Access is complete, additional ...".

22.18 - I deeply support plural motions. There is a stay "4" to be deleted from between 22 and 18.

22.19 - I believe motions to extend should be seconded, so that each extension is tested with the support of at least two Councillors.

22.20 - I deeply disagree with this limitation. It is dumb because a Councillor opposed to Public Access can curtail it with a Motion to extend (by 1 minute, for example). No further motion can be considered, unless the Chair deems the circumstance "exceptional". Please remove this Clause.

22.23 - ditto.

Please call me if any of this doesn't make sense.

Thanks and Cheers, Duncan Dey (0429 845 440)